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Re: Application of Markus DEGUENTHER, Manfred MAUL and Damian FIOLKA
ILLUMINATION SYSTEM FOR A MICROLITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION
EXPOSURE APPARATUS
Assignee: CARL ZEISS SMT AG
Our Ref: Q92121

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an English translation of the International Application. Also, enclosed are the cover pages of WO 2005/001527 A2 and A3.
 - seven (7) sheets of drawings.
 - a Preliminary Amendment including a Substitute Specification (for publication).

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

The Government filing fee is calculated, **after entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment**, as follows:

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Checks for the statutory filing, examination and search fees totaling \$1,000.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

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Respectfully submitted,

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